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Honorable Estes Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Kefauver:

Your letter of November 27 stated that a constituent had brought to your attention a report by Dr. Bela Fabian that about 150 young Hungarians are being held by the regime for execution following their 18th birthday.

We are, of course, deeply concerned by reports of this nature, and in this case have done everything possible to obtain evidence concerning this particular statement. We are able neither to confirm nor deny the report of Dr. Fabian.

We are inclined to believe that the best available evidence on this general subject has been brought together in the report that Sir Leslie Munro, until recently New Zealand Ambassador to the United States, recently made to the United Nations on the Hungarian situation. This report clearly indicates the continuance of systematic communist repression in that country. The overwhelming vote in the UN on December 4 in favor of Sir Leslie's resolution indicates that a majority of the free nations of the world agree with his views.

It may interest you to know that on October 17, 1959, a press spokesman of the Hungarian communist regime, László Gyáros, admitted, according to a Reuters correspondent, that there have been 31 executions since the "Ujpest trials" of last February and March. This admission is particularly significant because the regime denied in the UN General Assembly in 1958, that any trials were being held, or would be held in the future, for revolutionary activity in October of 1956.

We will send to your office under separate cover a copy of Sir Leslie's report as of possible interest to your constituent. Please call on us if you have further questions.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Estes Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Kefauver:

In your letter of 27 November 1959 you indicated that one of your constituents had advised you of a report that the government of Hungary plans to execute about 150 young boys when they reach the age of eighteen, presumably for their part in the revolution.

We have received several inquiries on this subject and at this time we do not have any evidence to substantiate this report. The Hungarian government is expected to take action against one student for his revolutionary activities but this is quite a different situation from that reported by Dr. Belafabian.

If I may be of further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

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